

State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Franklin County

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 36,908

Under 21.....	25.19%
21 to 34.....	15.79%
35 to 64.....	42.45%
65 and over.....	16.57%

Households, Year 2000

Total: 29,466

Female householder, no husband present...	10.61%
With children under 6.....	21.24%
With children under 18.....	64.90%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings in 2000

Male.....	\$31,899
Female.....	\$21,375

The Living Wage in 2003

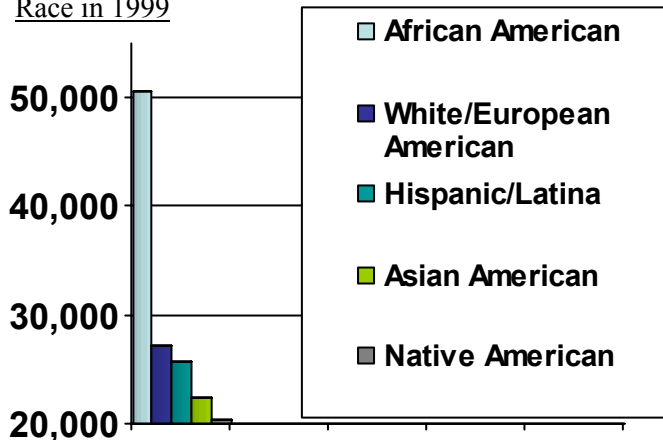
For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$36,603-36,963

For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$42,844-42,979

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	10.91%
Girls under 5.....	14.99%
Women over 65.....	10.30%
Families.....	6.50%

Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed: 18,526

Unemployed in Labor Force: 746

Not in Labor Force: 9,219

- Female managers of companies and enterprises...0.00%

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	11.40%
High School Graduate.....	49.74%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	11.51%
Bachelor's Degree.....	16.68%
Master's Degree.....	9.41%
Doctorate Degree.....	1.26%

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....2.79%

Franklin County Average.....4.85%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 149 new mothers (7.30%) in Franklin County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 118 pregnant women (17.80%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 30.90% of new mothers in Franklin County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 203 women.
- Franklin County was the only county where there were no infant deaths in 2002.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 12 women were living with HIV and 4 women were living with AIDS in Franklin County.

Smoking

- 15.00% of women in Franklin County are regular smokers and 27.10% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 64 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation

Females elected to State House: 0 (0%)

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